
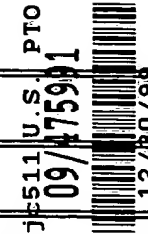


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1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (Incorporated within this form)
 (Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)

2. ☒ Specification Total Pages [98]

3. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) Total Sheets [34]

4. ☒ Oath or Declaration Total Pages [5]
 - a. ☒ Newly executed (original)
 - b. ☐ Copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)
 (for continuation/divisional with Box 17 completed).
 - i. ☐ Deletion of Inventor(s)
 Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in prior application,
 see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
 - c. ☐ Incorporation by reference (useable if box 4b is checked)
 The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

7. ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
 - a. ☐ Computer Readable Copy
 - b. ☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
 - c. ☐ Statement Verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

8. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet and document(s))

9. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☒ Power of Attorney

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10. ☐ English translation Document (if applicable)

11. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement ☒ Copies of IDS Citations (PTO-1449 w/2 refs.)

12. ☐ Preliminary Amendment

13. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)

14. ☐ Small Entity Statement(s) ☐ Statement filed in prior application
Status still proper and desired.

15. ☒ Claim for Convention Priority ☒ [2] Certified copies of Priority Documents

a. Priority of _____ application no. _____ filed on _____ is claimed under 35 USC 119.

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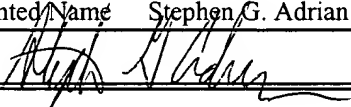
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